

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

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DECLARATION MAKING DELHI AND CHICAGO SISTER CITIES

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have entered into a declaration making Delhi and Chicago sister cities along with other cities of the World;

(b) if so, the details of declaration along with the benefits to be derived by making such a declaration; and

(c) the role and responsibility of the Union Government on such declaration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Delhi have intimated that at the invitation of Mayor of Chicago the Chief Minister of Delhi visited Chicago from 8th to 11th October, 2001. During the course of the said visit the Joint Sister Cities Declaration for Delhi and Chicago was signed by the Chief Minister of Delhi and the Mayor of Chicago on 10th October, 2001. The Chicago programme is affiliated with the Sister Cities International and now involves 2649 cities worldwide.

The Joint Sister Cities Declaration was signed to further the traditional links of friendship between Chicago and Delhi and to affirm their mutual aspiration to work in unison for the benefit of their cities and nations in the field of education, culture, transportation, housing, tourism, health, environment, administrative and technical training.

(c): The role of Union Government would be that of a facilitator and coordination which the Central Government is normally expected to play in such matters within the purview of the established protocol and internationally followed conventions.